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# Dear First Grade Tracker,

It's that time again. Vacation time. At least for this year. We've come through a lot together. We have turned off the lights, bundled up to keep warm, used every scrap of available paper wisely, and shared rides to save on gas. It's been quite a year!

We at Weekly Reader even managed to overcome New England's crippling ice storm to put out your paper without missing an issue. It wasn't easy. You should have seen us working by candlelight and flashlight, warming our hands on hot-water bottles, and drinking thermoses of hot coffee made in fireplaces.

Getting here was something else. We slid on ice, drove under sizzling, dangling power lines, and moved frozen broken branches off the streets. It was a week we'll long remember.

And how about you? Think back to last September—a zillion years ago. Robin wouldn't come out of her shell. She cried every time someone spoke to her. And what about Paul? He couldn't even tie his shoes. And his laces were always trailing on the floor.

Reading was Greek to most of your youngsters. Not a budding Einstein, Grandma Moses, or Caruso in the group! Nothing seemed to turn them on except recess.

But look around you now. The "reading bathtub" you lugged in and decorated is fully occupied as usual. Paul is turning out his latest masterpiece at the easel. (But his laces are still untied.) And Robin is entertaining a group with her version of "The Candyman." A Sammy Davis she isn't, but it beats tears.

And don't look now, but your liberated classroom is showing. What is George doing? Sewing! He's putting

last-minute touches on the costumes for your end-of-theyear program. And who's that pounding the last nail in the props? Juanita! She's the best handyman—oops handyperson in the room!

Because of you these youngsters have come a long way. You've helped them realize the most noticeable progress they'll ever make in a single year. You have done a fine job—a satisfying job. You've earned your rest.

Thank you for letting My Weekly Reader share this year with you. We hope we have been one of your most indispensable teaching tools. We'd like to continue to meet your needs next year.

Please spare a few minutes to help us. Drop us a note or a card. Let us know what you'd like to have again next year. What about our news? Did we miss the boat anywhere? Tell us. Was our readability on target? Was Buddy's Puzzle Page helpful to you and fun for your youngsters? Did you use our original poems and songs? How? Let us know.

What would you like to see in our 30 full-color issues? Make three wishes. Who knows? Maybe Weekly Reader can grant one of them—with a little help from us!

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